

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home 2008 Drinking Water Quality Report



Important Information about your Drinking Water:

Special points of interest:

- The water at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home was tested for over 120 different compounds
- The Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Drinking water met both State and Federal requirements
- Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some compounds. The presence of these compounds does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline (800-426-4791)

We're pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for 2008. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Maryland Environmental Service, an Agency of the State of Maryland operates the water treatment facility at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Last year more than 800 tests for over 120 compounds were conducted on the water at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. We want you to understand the efforts made to continually improve the water treatment process and protect

our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

We're pleased to report that your drinking water met both Federal and State requirements. This report shows the water quality and explains what it means.

If you have any questions about this report or have questions concerning your water utility, please contact **Mr. Jay Janney of Maryland Environmental Service at 410-729-8350 or jjann@menv.com**

We want everyone to be informed about their water.

The water for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home comes from two wells. The underground source of the well water is called the Aquia aquifer. After the water is pumped out of the well, we add disinfectant to protect against microbial contaminants. The Maryland Department of the Environment has performed an assessment of the source.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain compounds in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the regulated drinking water contaminants that we detected during the past several calendar years. The presence of these compounds in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless oth-

erwise noted, the data presented in the table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2008. The State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

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Definitions				
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.			
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.			
Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.			
ppm = parts per million or milligrams per liter				
ppb = parts per billion or micrograms per liter				
pCi/l = picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)				
mrem/year = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)				
Contaminant	Highest Level Allowed (EPA's MCL)	Highest Level Detected	Ideal Goal (EPA's MCLG)	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Regulated at the Treatment Plant - Route 5 & Charlotte Hall School Road - Plant I.D. 01				
Arsenic (2007 Testing)	10 ppb	4 ppb	10 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	4 ppm	0.15 ppm	4 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (2007 Testing)	2 ppm	0.025 ppm	2 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Di (2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate (2007 Testing)	6 ppb	0.8 ppb	0 ppb	PVC Plastics
Gross Alpha (2002 Testing)	15 pCi/l	1 pCi/l	0 pCi/l	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta (2002 Testing)	4 mrem/year	1.2 mrem/year	0 mrem/year	Decay of natural deposits
Ethylbenzene (2004 Testing)	700 ppb	1.5 ppb	700 ppb	Chemical discharge
Total Xylenes (2004 Testing)	10,000 ppb	2.9 ppb	10,000 ppb	Chemical discharge
Regulated at the Distribution System				
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (2007 Testing)	80 ppb	3.19 ppb	n/a	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Regulated at the Consumer's Tap				
Copper	1.3 ppm (action level)	90th percentile = 0.051 ppm	1.3 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing fixtures and systems

Drinking water sources:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.